(d) No, it is not a fact.

(e) The matter is under investigation.

Women beneficiaries under Rural Development Programmes

1978. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of rural women beneficiaries statewise, under the IRDP, NREP, TRYSEM and RLEGP at the end of Sixth Plan; and

(b) what are the main vocations rural women beneficiaries have entered under the above programmes and to what extent it has improved their position in the society?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANRAKAR): (a) State-wise statements for IRDP and TRYSEM are at Annexures—I & II. For NREP and RLEGP, no separate monitoring was done in respect of employment provided to women.

(b) List of popular trades under TRYSEM is at Annexure-III. For IRDP the information is not being separately compiled. Under NREP/ RLEGP wage employment was provided to women on various works taken up under these programmes. It enabled the women to improve their economic status and, thereby, their social position.

Annexure I

S. No.	Name of the States/UTs.	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	59,666
2	Assam	24,910
3	Bihar	23,015
4	Gujarat	35,839
5	Haryana	33,049
6	Himachal Pradesh	11,665
7	J&K	419
8	Karnataka	70,752
9	Kerala	73,115
10	Madhya Pradesh	36,067
11	Maharashtra	32,756
12	Manipur	3,059
13	Meghalaya	1,126
14	Nagaland	N.A.
15	Orissa	10,733
16	Punjab	32,440
17	Rajasthan	31,637
18	Sikkim	992
19	Tamil Nadu	3,27,117
20	Tripura	1,576
21	Uttar Pradesh	65,386
22	West Bengal	27,535
23	A&N Island	12
24	Arunachal Pradesh	N.A.
25	Chandigarh	N.A.
26	D&N Haveli	247
27	Delhi	1,241
28	Goa, Daman & Diu	12,862
29	Lakshadweep	285
30	Mizoram	1,137
31	Pondicherry	1,195
	TOTAL	9,19,834

Annexure II

S. No.	Name of the States/UTs.	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	22,085
2	Assam	12,471
3	Bihar	18,534

S. No.	Name of the States/UTs.	Total
4	Gujarat	20,006
5	Haryana	2,362
6	Himachal Pradesh	4,378
7	J&K	1,752
8	Karnataka	14,547
9	Kerala	14,067
10	Madhya Pradesh	17,225
11	Maharashtra	8,198
12	Manipur	5,381
13	Meghalaya	..
14	Nagaland	535
15	Orissa	7,346
16	Punjab	46,500
17	Rajasthan	22,219
18	Sikkim	236
19	Tamil Nadu	83,426
20	Tripura	1,882
21	Uttar Pradesh	27,811
22	West Bengal	1,458
23	A&N Islands	20
24	Arunachal Pradesh	52
25	Chandigarh	6
26	D&N Haveli	24
27	Delhi	1,241
28	Goa, Daman & Diu	8,167
29	Lakshadweep	..
30	Mizoram	1,267
31	Pondicherry	330
	TOTAL	3,43,526

Annexure III

1. Ambar Charkha
2. Agarbatti making
3. Bidi making
4. Bee keeping
5. Blanket Weaving
6. Basodi
7. Carpet making
8. Dari making
9. Dairy works
10. Dying and Printing
11. Embroidery
12. Envelope making
13. Fisheries
14. Gota works
15. Hathkarga
16. Handicrafts
17. Handlooms
18. Knitting
19. Kosa Spinning
20. Basket making
21. Leather works
22. Lac articles
23. poultry
24. Press composing
25. Radio Repair
26. Rope making
27. Shoe making
28. Synthetic Weaving and Spinning
29. Sheet Metal
30. Soap making
31. Sheep rearing
32. Sericulture
33. Tailoring

34. Typing
35. TV Repairing
36. Vocal Music
37. Weaving
38. Washing Power making
39. Wood carving.

Setting up of Sheep and Wool Development Board

1079. SHRI M. BASAVARAJU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal for the establishment of Sheep and Wool Development Board; and

(b) if so, by when the proposed oBard is likely to be constituted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) and (b) Constitution of a National Wool Board is under consideration of the Ministry of Supply and Textile.

Corruption in Hindustan Prefab Ltd.

1080. SHRI SYED AHMED HASHMI: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints to the effect that the losses suffered by the Hindustan Prefab Ltd. during the last two years are due to corrupt practices in the management of the company; and

(b) whether any inquiry has been conducted in the matter and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) and (b) Complaints against corruption prevalent in the Hindustan Prefab Ltd. have been received and are being investigated. One of the cases has been entrusted to the C.B.I. for further probe.

Setting up of a bank for housing purpose

1081. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a whether it is a fact that Government are considering any proposal to set up a bank exclusively for housing purpose;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to set up a housing bank;

(c) by when the bank for housing will be set up; and

(d) what are the salient features of the poposed bank?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) to (d) The proposal to set up a Housing Finance Institution is yet to be finalised.

Increase in gur prices

1082. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been considerable increase in gur prices in the country during the last three months;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to take some measures to bring down the prices of gur and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) There has been some increase in gur prices during the last three months. Gur is normally produced between October to February and as such stocks tend to get depleted during June, July and August, contributing to a price rise.